



**Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission  
Regular Meeting**

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**MINUTES**

**March 12, 2014**

**City Hall-Austin, Texas**

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**Current Commission Members:**

Lemuel Williams, Jr., Chair	Elizabeth Quintanilla, Vice Chair
Wendell Ramsey	Melvin White
Chelsea McCullough	Tracy LaQuey Parker
<b>VACANT POSITION</b>	

**The following items are posted for discussion and possible action.**

1. Call to order – March 12, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Commission members in attendance:

Lemuel Williams, Jr.  
Commissioner Quintanilla  
Wendell Ramsey  
Melvin White  
Chelsea McCullough

Commissioner Parker's official first meeting is April 9, 2014.

Staff in attendance:

Paul Lewis  
John Speirs  
Sharla Chamberlain  
Jane Reina

2. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda was adopted by consent of the Commission.

3. Citizen Communications: General

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Mr. Steve Savage with KAZI FM radio requested the Commission's help with finding funding for their current program to teach citizens how to do programming on the radio.

4. Approval of minutes – February 12, 2014 Commission Regular Meeting.

**Minutes from the Commission regular meeting of February 12, 2014 were approved on Commissioner Quintanilla's motion; Commissioner Ramsey's second on a vote of 5-0.**

5. Presentation from Austin Fire Department "Using business intelligence tools to extract value from data" (Elizabeth Gray, Business Systems Analyst Supervisor) (wp3)

Elizabeth Gray, Asst. Chief Brian Tanzola, and Dr. Paul Parrish with Austin Fire Department (AFD) presented a PowerPoint on how the AFD uses data. Their system, Business Intelligence, data includes; Firefighter daily operations performance management; Unmetered water reports for Austin Water Utility; Public Information Request; Managers monitor their operational budgets; and configuration of the CAD 911 system.

AFD was recognized in the national magazine Emergency Management with a article that you can view here: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Austin-Fire-Department-Data.html>

View the PowerPoint presentation at:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=206826>

6. Austin Energy "Development of a Strategic Plan & Technology Roadmap" a briefing on the planned Request for Proposals. (Lisa Martin, Project Manager)(wp1)

This item was pulled.

7. Presentation from St. Edward University on digital inclusion and community hackathon. (David Waldron, VP Information Technology) (wp4)

David Waldron, VP Information Technology with St. Edwards University gave an overview of how hacking helps the community and St Edwards involvement.

View the PowerPoint presentation at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=206828>

8. Staff briefing on Legislative, Regulatory and Policy update. (Paul Lewis)

Paul Lewis, Assistant Manager of the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs update included Cable/Video Issue; City Regulations and Federal Activity.

View full report at: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=206827>

9. Update on technology survey. (John Speirs and Sharla Chamberlain) (wp 4)

**Motion to accept the name Austin Digital Assessment as the official name for the Austin technology survey was made on Commissioner Ramsey's motion; Commissioner McCullough's second on a vote of 5-0.**

10. Staff update on Community Technology Initiative and the Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) and (John Speirs) (wp5)

John Speirs, Program Coordinator and Sharla Chamberlain, Digital Inclusion Associate with the City of Austin Office of Telecommunications & Regulatory Affairs presented the Community Connection map that shows all the connection sites. When you scroll to a point on the map, this will pull up the application for that site. This map is located at [www.austintexas.gov/digitalinclusion](http://www.austintexas.gov/digitalinclusion) under the link of open data map of 100 community connection locations.

John attended a Skillpoint event that let the community know of the digital inclusion efforts that they offer to the community.

He stated the GTOPs 2012 program is wrapping up.

He did site visits to some of the GTOPs 2013 program awardees.

11. Discussion and possible action on 2014 GTOPs Grant Review Committee awards recommendations. (John Speirs)(wp5)

John Speirs and Sharla Chamberlain presented the GTOP Review Committee's grant recommendations to the Commission.

**Motion to accept the 2014 Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) Grant Review Committee's (GTOPs) recommendations as follows: River City Youth Foundation awarded \$25,000.; Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) awarded \$25,000.; Boys and Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County awarded \$14,000.; Skillpoint Alliance awarded \$24,000.; American Youth Works awarded \$22,986.20; Breakthrough awarded \$22,000.; Girlstart awarded \$14,136.80; Literacy Coalition of Central Texas awarded \$18,931.38.; Thinkery awarded \$18,250.; and Easter Seals-Central Texas awarded \$15,695.62 was approved on Commissioner White's motion; Commissioner Quintanilla's second on a vote of 5-0.**

For back ground on these awardees visit:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/edims/document.cfm?id=206940>

12. Update reports on networking relationships with other boards/commissions and groups, citywide and Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission (ACT&TC) information items.

Numerous Commissioners gave their overview of some of the SXSW Interactive sessions they attended.

13. Discussion of agenda items for ACT&TC future meetings.

Proposed agenda items for the April 9, 2014 meeting:

- channelAustin update
- Digital Inclusion update (J.Speirs)
- Austin Free-net update (J.Budd)

- Austin Digital Assessment Working Group update
- GTOPs Review Working Group update, including feedback from Grant Review Committee. (J.Speirs)

Proposed agenda items for the May 14, 2014 regular meeting:

- ATXN (muni channel 6) update. (K.Reeves)

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm